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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Allen (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,638).

3. As per claim 1, Allen teaches a contents rental system (*video kiosk, 123a-n*) comprising a content producer (*archive data, 1805*) for producing a content, a rental business server (*point of sale or rental retail transaction engine, 121*), disposed in a store (*retail outlet, fig 17-20*) managed by a rental business operator, for recording the content produced by the content producer and downloading the contents to a record medium (*vhs*) corresponding to a command issued by a customer, and a reproducing device, disposed in a house of the customer, for reproducing the contents from the record medium (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*).

4. As per claim 2, Allen teaches a contents rental system wherein the rental business operator records an advertisement picture to the record medium along with the content (*see fig 1, col. 21 lines 10-25*).

5. As per claim 3, Allen teaches a contents rental system wherein when an icon contained in the advertisement picture is clicked, the reproducing device is connected to an advertisement server through the Internet (*see fig 1, col. 21 lines 10-25*).

6. As per claim 4, Allen teaches a contents rental system wherein the record medium comprises: a content storing portion for storing the content encrypted, a memory for storing a decryption key for decrypting the content encrypted; and a capacitor for backing up the memory, wherein the capacitor is charged by the rental business server (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*).

7. As per claim 5, Allen teaches a contents rental system wherein the record medium comprises: a content storing portion for storing the content; a memory for storing a control algorithm for reading the content; and a capacitor for backing up the memory, wherein the capacitor is charged by the rental business server (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*).

8. As per claim 6, Allen teaches a contents rental system wherein the record medium comprises: a content storing portion for storing the content encrypted; a memory for storing a decryption key for decrypting the content; and a timer for causing the decryption key stored in the memory to be erased when a predetermined time period elapses after the record medium is connected to the rental business server (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*).

9. As per claim 7, Allen teaches a contents rental system wherein the record medium comprises: a content storing portion for storing the content; a memory for storing a control algorithm for reading the content; and a timer for causing the control algorithm stored in the memory to be erased when a predetermined time period elapses after the record medium is connected to the rental business (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*).

10. As per claim 8, Allen teaches a contents rental system comprising: a capacitor, charged by the rental business server, for supplying a power to the timer (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. Claims 9-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allen (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,638) in view of Candelore (U.S. PG Pub No. 2004/0151314).

13. As per claim 9, Allen teaches a contents rental system for downloading a content to a record medium of a customer comprising: a content producer for producing the content; a management center for delivering the content produced by the content producer to a plurality of rental business operators; a rental business server, disposed in a store managed by each of the rental business operators, for recording the content delivered from the management center, downloading the recorded content to the record medium corresponding to a command issued by the customer and a reproducing device, disposed in a house of the customer for restoring the content from the record medium (*see fig 17-20, col. 5 lines 34-62, 6 lines 3-28, 7 lines 45-col. 8 line 34, 9 line 5-10 line 30, 11 lines 15-12 line 37, 21 lines 10-42, 23 line 34-24 line 43*). Allen fails to teach or suggest a system for managing security of the content corresponding to data stored in an IC card of the customer. However, Candelore teaches and suggest a system for managing security of the content corresponding to data stored in an IC card of the customer (*see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041*). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

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the art the time the invention was made to modify Allen's system to include Candelore's system for managing security of the content corresponding to data stored in an IC card of the customer because this would have enhance the security of the system.

14. As per claim 10, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein when the IC card is set to the reproducing device, the reproducing device authenticates the IC card and the IC card authenticates the reproducing device (*see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041*).

15. As per claim 11, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein the reproducing device is authenticated by a process in which the reproducing device transmits a reproducing device public key certificate to the IC card and the IC card authenticates the reproducing device public key certificate, and wherein the IC card is authenticated by a process in which the IC card transmits an IC card public key certificate to the reproducing device and the reproducing device authenticates the IC card public key certificate (*see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041*)

16. As per claim 12, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein the reproducing device is authenticated in such a manner that the IC card encrypts a random number using a reproducing device public key and transmits the encrypted random number to the reproducing device, that the reproducing device decrypts the encrypted random number using a reproducing device secret key and transmits the decrypted random number to the IC card, and that the IC card authenticates the reproducing device using the decrypted random number (*see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041*)

17. As per claim 13, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein the IC card is authenticated in such a manner that the reproducing device encrypts a random number using an IC card public key and transmits the encrypted random number to the IC card, that the IC card decrypts the encrypted random number using an IC card secret key and transmits the decrypted random number to the reproducing device, and that the reproducing device authenticates the IC card using the decrypted random number (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

18. As per claim 14, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein when the IC card is set to the rental business server, the rental business server authenticates the IC card in cooperation with the management center (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

19. As per claim 15, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein the IC card is authenticated by a process in which the IC card transmits an IC card public key certificate to the management center through the rental business server and the management center authenticates the IC card public key certificate (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

20. As per claim 16, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein the IC card is authenticated in such a manner that the management center encrypts a random number using an IC card public key and transmits the encrypted random number to the IC card through the rental business server, that the IC card decrypts the encrypted random number using an IC card secret key and transmits the decrypted random number to the management center through the rental

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business server, and that the management center authenticates the IC card using the decrypted random number (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

21. As per claim 17, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein when the IC card is set to the rental business server, the IC card transmits a reproducing device public key certificate to the management center through the rental business server and the management center authenticates the reproducing device corresponding to the reproducing device public key certificate (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

22. As per claim 18, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein when the record medium and the IC card are set to the rental business server and the customer selects a content, the rental business server transmits contract information to the IC card, the IC card encrypts the contract information and transmits the encrypted contract information to the management center through the rental business server, after the management center decrypts the encrypted contract information and authenticates the contract information, the management center encrypts an encryption key of the content selected by the customer and transmits the encrypted content to the IC card through the rental business server, after the IC card decrypts the encrypted content encryption key and authenticates the content, the IC card transmits a normal completion message to the rental business server, and the rental business server receives the normal completion message and downloads the content to the record medium (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

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23. As per claim 19, Candelore teaches a contents rental system wherein when the record medium and the IC card are set to the reproducing device, the reproducing device transmits a content encryption key transmission request to the IC card, the IC card receives the transmission request, encrypts a content encryption key, and transmits the encrypted content encryption key to the reproducing device, and after the reproducing device decrypts the encrypted content encryption key and authenticates the decrypted content encryption key, the reproducing device reproduces the content using the decrypted content encryption key (see fig 2, paragraphs 0034-0041)

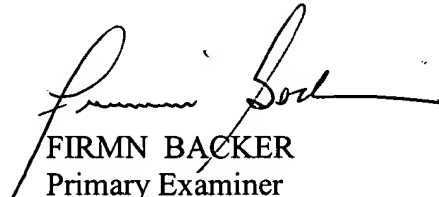
Conclusion

24. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*see form 892*).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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